(c) what are the specific measures to socially treat the unfortunate patients of AIDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government of India has launched a comprehensive National AIDS Control Programme (Phase-II) with the following key components.

- Reducing the spread of HIV in groups high risk by identification of target populations and providing peer counseling condom promotion, treatment of sexually transmitted infections etc.
- Preventive intervention for the general population by Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and awareness campaign, provision of voluntary testing and counseling safe blood transfusion services and prevention of occupational exposure.
- Providing financial assistance for opportunistic infections, home and community based care to people living with HIV/AIDS.
- Strengthening effectiveness and technical, managerial, financial sustainability at National, State and Municipal levels.
- Promoting collaboration amongst public, private and voluntary sector.

(c) The AIDS patients are treated at par with other patients in public sectors hospitals without discrimination and stigmatization. Drugs for the treatment of opportunistic infection are provided free of cost to the patients at these hospitals.

Besides, States with high HIV prevalence are being encouraged to establish community care centres with the support of Non-Governmental Organisations for care and support of AIDS patients and their family members.

Supply of Medical Equipments to G.B. Pant Hospital

2294. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the company which submitted tenders for the supply of medical equipments (10 deferbrillators with monitors) to G.B. Pant Hospital, Delhi in pursuance of an enquiry in December, 1999;

(b) the name of the company which actually supplied the above- mentioned items;

(c) whether it is a fact that the company which supplied the material was actually rejected; and

(d) if so, on what grounds its equipments were accepted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that the following Companies had submitted tenders for the supply of medical equipment for G.B. Pant Hospital in pursuance of an enquiry in December, 1999:—

1. M/s. Wipro GE Medical System.

2. M/s. Cardiotrace Electronics.

3. M/s. Trivitron Medical System.

4. M/s. Instomedix India Pvt. Ltd.

5. M/s. Advance Micronic Devices.

6. M/s. Omegron Medical.

7. M/s. Agilent Technologies.

(b) M/s. Instomedix India Pvt. Ltd.

(c) and (d) The Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that based on the recommendations of the extended committee of Technical Advisory Committee & Purchase Committee, it was decided to accept the price bid of M/s. Instomedix India Pvt. Ltd. which was lower than the other Company.

Patent for Analgesic Herbal Compound AK-CIJR-95

2295. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two Scientists of Andhra Pradesh have secured patent from US for their analgesic herbal compound AK- CIJR-95;

(b) whether it has been approved in India; and

(c) by when it is expected to be launched into the Indian market?